

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

| BOBBY SINGLETON, et al.,  |                              |
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| Plaintiffs,   |                              |
| v.  | ) Case No.: 2:21-cv-1291-AMM |
| JOHN H. MERRILL, in his official capacity as Alabama Secretary of State, et al.,    | THREE-JUDGE COURT            |
| Defendants.   | )                            |
| EVAN MILLIGAN, et al.,  | )                            |
| Plaintiffs,   | )<br>)                       |
| v.  | ) Case No.: 2:21-cv-1530-AMM |
| JOHN H. MERRILL, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Alabama, et al., | THREE-JUDGE COURT )          |
| Defendants.   | )                            |

Before MARCUS, Circuit Judge, MANASCO and MOORER, District Judges.

BY THE COURT:

## **ORDER ON MOTION TO CLARIFY**

During the status conference on January 26, 2022, counsel for Defendant Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill requested clarification on whether the

preliminary injunction stays the January 28, 2022 qualification deadline for fourteen

days for both congressional elections and other elections, or for congressional

elections only. As the court stated during the status conference, the preliminary

injunction stayed the qualification deadline for congressional elections only.

The only elections before this court are the congressional elections.

Accordingly, the court could not have and did not stay the qualifying deadline

applicable to any other elections. The preliminary injunction specifically defines

"the Plan" as "Alabama's 2021 redistricting plan for its seven seats in the United

States House of Representatives." Singleton Doc. 88 at 2; Milligan Doc. 107 at 2. It

did not describe, consider, or make any findings of fact about the state legislative

map, challenges to which are pending in another case before another three-judge

court: Thomas v. Merrill, Case No. 2:21-cv-1531-AMM.

Accordingly, there should be no confusion, but if there is, we expressly clarify

that the fourteen-day stay of the January 28, 2022 qualification deadline through

February 11, 2022 applies to congressional elections only.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** this 26th day of January, 2022.

ANNA M. MANASCO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

for the court

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